

## **Week of Friday, September 3 - Thursday, September 9, 2010**

### **Status Report**

More than 300 Fish and Wildlife personnel are deployed in the Gulf region, working to protect wildlife and their habitats. Many of them are assessing the damage from the BP oil spill in preparation for the work that will be needed to restore the public trust lands in the area at no cost to the American people.

Fish and Wildlife cleanup crews continue to coordinate with National Parks Service crews to remove oil and oil-related debris at parks and refuges.

Hard boom has been removed from all of Florida and Alabama, and only a couple of miles of hard boom remain along the coast of Mississippi.

At Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge, the staff continues to monitor the last turtle nest on the Refuge. It is within the 10-day window of hatching.

At Breton National Wildlife Refuge, work crews are working on North Breton Island. Some cleanup has been completed; however the island has not been cleared due to the potential of additional oil coming ashore on the island. Refuge staff will continue to monitor the island.

Field operations are now focused on bird colony searches. To date, 18 colonies have been searched. Bird numbers will be reported at a later date once the colonies have been completed.

DOI Sensitive Lands Task Forces are conducting clean up operations in Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida.

#### **Spill By the Numbers:**

Total personnel responding: More than 25,000

FWS personnel responding: 327

Vessels responding: Approximately 3,800

Shoreline impacted as of Sept. 9: 114 miles is heavily or moderately oiled; about 500 miles is lightly oiled.